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~~AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS~~

Please cancel claims 28-32. Please amend claims 5 and 14 as shown.

*ff* 5. (Currently amended) An isolated or purified polynucleotide consisting ~~essentially~~ of SEQ ID NO: 1 or its complementary strand.

9. (Previously amended) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 5.

12. (Previously amended) A diagnostic device comprising the nucleotide of claim 5.

*ff* 14. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and the nucleotide sequence of claim 5 ~~or a peptide encoded by said nucleotide sequence.~~

16. (Previously amended) A cell transformed by the vector according to claim 9.